

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 21 and 23 - 28 are pending in the application. Currently, no claim stands allowed.

By the present amendment, claim 21 has been amended.

In the office action mailed November 22, 2006, claims 21, 23 - 26 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Tryon patent of record and U.S. Patent No. 5,983,552 to Nelson; and claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tryon, Nelson and the Palmer patent of record.

The foregoing rejections are traversed by the instant response.

Claim 21 as amended herein is directed to a decoy comprising a three dimensional molded main body and a photograph containing animal features non-adhesively incorporated into said main body, wherein said photograph is an aerial flattened view including corrections to account for stretching of the aerial view and contraction of the aerial view screen printed onto said main body.

As noted by the Examiner, the Tryon patent does not teach or suggest incorporating into a photograph into the main body. The Nelson patent teaches screen printing a photograph onto a skin formed from a fabric material placed over the body. Thus, it too does not teach incorporating a photograph into the main body. For

this reason, claim 21 is allowable over the combination of Tryon and Nelson. If anything, one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to replace the adhesively mounted photographs of Tryon by a fabric material with a screen printed photograph.

Claim 21 is further allowable because neither reference teaches or suggests a photograph which is an aerial flattened view including corrections to account for stretching of the aerial view and contraction of the aerial view.

Claims 23 - 26 are allowable for the same reasons as claim 21 as well as on their own accord.

Claim 27 is allowable for the same reasons as claim 21 as well as on its own accord. The Palmer patent does not cure the aforementioned deficiencies of Tryon and Nelson.

Claim 28 is directed to a decoy having a three-dimensional main body formed from a plastic material and said main body having incorporated into its exterior surfaces a screen-printed photograph containing animal features, wherein said photograph contains corrections to allow said photograph to be screen-printed onto said main body. Claim 28 is allowable for essentially the same reasons as claim 21. Neither reference teaches incorporating a screen-printed photograph into the main body. Tryon adhesively attaches photographs and Nelson screen prints the photographs onto a fabric material which fits over a decoy body.

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For the foregoing reasons, the instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

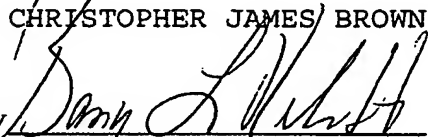
Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

A one month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension of time are enclosed herewith. Should the Director determine that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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